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INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE (SIP) 4-3

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OUT-OF-DATE SSBIS FOR CONTINUED AND RENEWED SCI ACCESS

This SIP, which implements DCID 6/4 policy, establishes the basic procedures for handling investigations greater than five but less than seven years old as the bases for continued and renewed SCI access.

- 1. DCID 6/4, consistent with standards applicable throughout the government, requires Periodic Reinvestigations (PRs) for SCI access at intervals not more than five years. Despite that, operational necessities arising out of recent and ongoing increases in the number of initial investigations without commensurate increases in investigative capacity have meant that it is not always possible to meet the DCID 6/4 standard for timeliness of reinvestigations. Accordingly, all elements of the Intelligence Community (IC) may accept SSBIs and SSBI-PRs that are up to seven years old as the investigative bases for continued and renewed SCI access, including all sponsorship transfers. Agencies may accept investigations and reinvestigations more than seven years old on a case-by-case basis. When accepting an investigation more than five years old, agencies will ensure that the appropriate investigative agency has received all necessary documents to initiate a PR.
- 2. However, if Scattered Castles reflects an exception code "C" ("condition"), agencies may choose to require a completed reinvestigation or other procedures short of reinvestigation before continuing or reinstating SCI access. If Scattered Castles reflects an exception code "W" ("waiver"). SCI access may be continued or reinstated only with the approval of the Senior Official of the Intelligence Community (SOIC) of the sponsoring agency.
- 3. IC elements will accept SSBIs and SSBI-PRs more than five years old as the investigative basis for granting SCI access to persons who have Top Secret clearances but who have never been determined eligible for SCI access. However, any such cases will require SCI adjudication by the sponsoring agency, which may result in requests for updated information.

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- 4. Records in Scattered Castles for persons granted access with out-of-date investigations will be flagged as having an exception code "D" ("deviation").
- 5. The IC will reassess these procedures one year after implementation.

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